

KLANBUSTERS UPDATE

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K L A N B U S T E R S HOTLINE SET UP

On July 31, 1992 Klanbusters set up the 24-Hr. Anti-Racist Hotline. The Hotline has two purposes according to spokesperson Rodney Bobiwash: One, to provide information to the public about the activities of hate groups in the Toronto area; two, to act as a "tip line" on activities of hate groups and white supremacist groups in Toronto.

The Hotline features messages about hate group activity. The Hotline has been averaging over 60 calls a day. Many of these are from racists who make rude noises, racial expletives, and vague threats towards KLANBUSTERS and Mr. Bobiwash in particular. However concerned citizens have called and given valuable information about the activities of groups like the Heritage Front in their neighbourhoods.

In a strange twist the Heritage Front 24-Hr. Anti-Immigration Hotline featured the KLANBUSTER number on it's racist hotline on August 12. This led to some of those who call that number calling KLANBUSTERS with valuable information.

To report hate group activities, leaflets, posters, etc. call KLANBUSTERS at **968-2127**.

INVISIBLE EMPIRE OF THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN L E A F L E T I N MISSISSAUGA

At the beginning of August and in late July the Invisible Empire of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan leafleted in the Mississauga area. Leaflets distributed were stamped *Now In Ontario* and referred to black people as "savage" and "animal", advocates racial seperation, and openly opposes interracial marriage.

This organization is based in Gulf North Carolina and headed up by a man named Farrands. They produce a newspaper called *The Klansman*.

Citizens need to organize and protect themselves and their children against the poison this group would spread. For more information or if you have any information about this group call KLANBUSTERS.

ARYAN FEST '92

On a recent weekend some 70 neo-nazi skinheads, many from Toronto's Church of the Creator, gathered under false pretences in La Plaine, Quebec outside of Montreal. They had rented (continued p.2)

the farm from a local bar owner who had immigrated from Italy in 1942. He stated to *La Presse* that he had left Italy in 1942 to escape fascism and now it was happening all over again. He was understandably angry at the duplicity of the organizers. Other highlights of the weekend included nine arrests ranging from possession of drugs to impaired driving. The Surete Quebec also confiscated one weapon. At one point prior to the FEST while people gathered in Montreal to get directions a knife was pulled by Skinheads in a Canadian Tire Parking lot on an anti-racist observer. On a lighter note it was reported that the organizers had to ask the portapotty rental man to return three times with his JOHNNY-ON-THE-SPOT as they did not have enough money to pay for it.

Throughout the weekend anti-racist workers observed the nazis as they swaggered about with their faces hidden by scarfs swinging truncheons in front of the farm house. The Saturday night a large swastika burned while a racist band played.

The FEST broke up early on Sunday morning and most of the racists were gone by noon. Local residents gathered at a restaurant to hear how to organize themselves against racists from the Canadian Centre On Racism and Prejudice. Three little girls organized a petition against racism and were bravely gathering signatures.

FEDERAL COURT HANDS DOWN INTERIM INJUNCTION AGAINST HERITAGE FRONT HATELINE

In local news the federal court granted the Canadian Human Rights Commission an interim injunction against the Heritage Front Hateline. The injunction restricts the Heritage Front from repeating in any way the messages that were the subjects of the affidavits filed in the court. These affidavits concerned messages directed against the Native community and five messages personally directed against Mr. Bobiwash.

KLANBUSTERS will be monitoring the Hateline for infractions.

EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WHITES HOTLINE SET UP

A man called Kenneth Barker has set up a hotline called Equal Rights for Whites. It is "an opinion, complaint line" according to messages on it. Mr. Barker claims that he is acting as an individual. He is an open associate of the Heritage Front and indeed rented the Latvian House for the infamous Metzger Rally a month ago. His timing at this point, when the Heritage Front hearing under the Human Rights Code is coming up and the various injunctions are being heard, is suspicious at the least.

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METZGER RALLY

On June 27, 1992 the Heritage Front and the Church of the Creator played host to two of America's most infamous racists Tom and John Metzger. The Metzgers (father and son) head up a group called White Aryan Resistance (WAR) out of California. The rally was held at the Latvian House on College St. at the same time as the black community held a dance in the same building. During the rally John Metzger called for white North Americans to take over all of North America as a white homeland -- at one point declaring "North America will be ours."

The Metzgers hate sheet, also called WAR, advocates white revolution, features cartoons showing blacks and jews being "blown away" by white "patriots", and features interviews with people like Robert Jay Matthews, the member of the violent neo-Nazi group The Order killed in a shoot-out with the FBI.

INQUIRY INTO LACHANCE KILLING IN SASKATCHEWAN CONTINUES

The Inquiry into the killing of Leo LaChance a native trapper in Prince Albert, Sk. continues. Carney Nearlen, a member of the Aryan Nations, shot

Following the rally, which was monitored by Klanbusters, the Metzgers were picked up by a special police joint task force on an immigration charge. They spent three days as guests of our government in the Don Jail. John Metzger is scheduled to face a hearing on violation of his probation in Los Angeles soon. John Metzgers is best known for the \$ 12. million civil suit filed against him after skinheads in Oregon kicked a young Ethiopian student to death.

ANTI-RACIST PUBLICATIONS

**SEARCHLIGHT MAGAZINE, 37B
New Cavendish St., London, England
W1M 8JR**

**THE MONITOR, P.O. Box 50469,
Atlanta, Georgia 30302-0469
USA**

Mr. LaChance at close range. For this he was sentenced to three years in prison.

Prior to the killing Mr. Nearlen had attended a cross burning in Provost Alberta. At that gathering he waved a shotgun in the air and said "This is Indian birth control."

BRITISH SOCCER FANS COMBAT RACISM

On the international scene soccer fans in Britain have united to battle racism spread by the National Front and the British National Party. Soccer hooligans recruited by these racists have expressed hostility and chanted racial slurs at black football players. Fans at Leeds United had enough of this hatred and bigotry and have taken action against racism. They now produce and distribute a fanzine called **MARCHING TOGETHER** five times a year. For their efforts the group called Leeds Fans United Against Racism received a Football Association "Services to Soccer" Award in 1989.

SEARCHLIGHT VISITS TORONTO

On May 2, 1992 a meeting was held at the University of Toronto. Guest Speakers Gerry Gable, publisher of England's **Searchlight** Anti-Fascist magazine, Martin Therriault, Director of the Canadian Centre On Racism and Prejudice in Montreal, and Rodney Bobiwash, Anti-Racism Advisor at the Native Canadian Centre of Toronto, received an enthusiastic response from the crowd who gathered to hear about the rise of fascism around the world and links between local groups like the Heritage Front and Church of the Creator and other fascist organizations.

PARKDALE RESIDENTS BATTLE RACISM

When the residents of Parkdale were leafleted in the dark of the night by the Heritage Front they did not take it lying down. Residents quickly organized counter-leaflets welcoming non-white people to their neighbourhood and decrying and denouncing racism. They also increased their neighbourhood watch patrols and asked the police to increase their night patrols. The lesson here is clear -- these groups like to operate by night, if local community groups organize and turn on the lights of reason racists will flee their sheets flapping in the wind.

RECENT BOOKS CHRONICLE THE FAR RIGHT IN CANADA

Two recently published books look at the activities of the far right in Canada: *Unholy Alliances, Terrorists, Extremists, Front Companies and the Libyan Connection In Canada* by Warren Kinsella; *Shades of Right, Nativist and Fascist Politics In Canada 1920-1940* by Martin Robin; and older but still required reading for anti-racists -- *Is God A Racist? The Right Wing in Canada* by Stanley Barrett. Available at your local bookstore or you can order them.